

new Post Offices are to be opened during 1992-93?

Committee are given in the statement attached

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): while it is proposed to expand the postal network in Assam during 1992-93, it is not feasible to state the names of places in Assam where new post offices are to be opened as targets for 1992-93 in this respect have not been finalised.

### Working of Geological Survey of India

5129. SHRIMATI GEETAMUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Committees appointed by the Government to review the working of the Geological Survey of India;

(b) the details of recommendations made by these Committees have been implemented in full and the number of recommendations still under implementation;

(c) the details of recommendations which have not been implemented in full;

(d) whether the Government have appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. R.K. Lang; and

(e) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) the terms of the reference of the

### STATEMENT

#### *Terms of Reference for Review of the Geological Survey of India*

1. Assess the scope and extent of functions alongwith their relevance to the task entrusted to G.S.I. and indicate, in quantitative terms, level of fulfillment alongwith costs.
2. Study and establish feasibility of transferring function (or functions) of GSI to other organisations with a view to economising on expenditure without sacrificing the work content or the essentials, Study the scope for shedding of peripheral functions.
3. Assess productivity of typical work activities of GSI and their cost effectiveness. Study current work norms and productivity parameters in this light and suggest measures for improvement with a view to reduce/optmise expenditure.
4. study adequacy and maintenance system of the equipment and assess efficiencies of utilisation of the equipments and other assets both in the field and in the regional head functions. Formulation of policies that could be adopted for fixing of norms for their optimum utilisation.
5. Study the need for modernisation of GSI with the introduction of State-of-Art Technology for surveys and exploration including also sophisticated equipment and instruments, with a view to raise the expertise and performance to the levels achieved internationally. A list of such technologies and equipment with estimated costs of acquisition should be given.

6. Study the relative roles of GSI and Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL) in exploration of minerals with a view to assess duplication/overlap, if any, and suggest any changes necessary.
7. Study and assess current practices of financial management including monitoring of costs and suggest improvements alongwith the feasibility of interdicting zero based budgeting.
8. Study the scope for redeployment of personnel and resources for the most optimal results from the inputs, in the context of functions and responsibilities standing entrusted to GSI.
9. Suggest a revised charter relating to the functions and responsibilities of GSI based on findings of the studies carried out under 1 and 8 above suggest the revised organisational structure of GSI in terms of the revised charter of functions and responsibilities.
10. Suggest principles for recovering cost of investigations and exploration work done by GSI

**Vacancies in Geological survey of India**

5130. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant over last one year (Designation-wise) in the Geological Survey of India, Western Region, Jaipur in each category;

(b) Whether these posts have been kept in abeyance:

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the efforts being made to fill-up the

existing vacancies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Contingent Workers Deployed in Geological survey of India**

5131. SHRILOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of MINES be please to state:

(a) the number of contingent workers deployed in the Geological Survey of India;

(b) the age of superannuation for these contingent workers;

(c) the details of terminal benefits given to them at the time of their superannuation,

(d) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government to send these workers on superannuation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) As on 1.1.92 there were 661 contingent workers.

(b) Contingent workers are not regular employees and hence there is no prescribed age of superannuation.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

**Narmada Sagar, Onkarsagar and Maheswar Irrigation projects**

5132. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: